

Police Search for Loftis's Jewelry, Worth Thousands

Miss Wood Admits She Took Several Pieces, but Says He Gave Them to Her; Hunt Another Man in Case

Special Dispatch to The Tribune
CHICAGO, Aug. 1.—The police are searching to-night for thousands of dollars' worth of jewelry which Samuel T. A. Loftis, millionaire diamond merchant and man about town, is said to have kept in his luxurious apartments. Since Loftis's death Friday night the jewelry has disappeared.

Miss Ruth Wood, the young hotel bookkeeper who was with Loftis at the time of his death, is being held "merely as a material witness and apparently was in no way responsible for the death of Loftis," Chief of Police Cassidy declared to-night, as the result of his questioning of Miss Wood and a score of others.

The girl admitted to-day that when she fled from the apartment after summing Roy M. Shayne, her fiancé, she took with her a watch, other articles of jewelry and a roll of bills which belonged to Loftis. She gave the watch and jewelry to her mother. She insists these were the only jewels she took away from the apartment. She had denied at first taking the money and jewels. When questioned further she said that Loftis forced her to accept the jewelry, but that she returned the money to him and he placed it in a dresser. She admitted that just before fleeing she took the money from the dresser.

Police Hunt for "Babe"

While the girl is being held further inquiry into the possible loss of other jewelry is being made, and the police are searching for another man known as "Babe," who is thought to have been with her after the chauffeur, Herma Waxler, took her from the Loftis apartment in a taxicab, following the tragedy. The chauffeur has admitted that he introduced her to another man. In a revised story the girl said she had gone with the chauffeur to a number of West Side cabarets and that \$30 had been taken from her.

The chauffeur said nothing of jewelry, but declared that Miss Wood had a "big bunch of money" on her and asked him to take her where she could get a drink.

Miss Wood will be questioned again to-morrow. She has told several stories, but they have been conflicting.

Shayne Set at Liberty

Shayne has been set at liberty. It is thought that his story has been

merely an imaginative one, told to protect his sweetheart. The police do not think Loftis was alive when Shayne arrived at the apartment in response to a telephone call from the girl.

Sergeant John Norton, of the homicide squad, and Chief Garrity have decided to pass the case on to a coroner's jury. They have told Miss Wood that she must remain in custody until such a jury has passed on her possible guilt in the case.

While both say they believe Miss Wood's story concerning the "friendly scuffle" with Loftis preceding his death and the other details of the afternoon-party in his flat, they are still at a loss to know just what transpired after she left the Loftis apartment. The police also think that the chauffeur has withheld some information.

35,000 Visit Shamrock IV

Crowds Disappointed That Lipton Is Not on Yacht

The police estimated that about 35,000 persons visited the Shamrock IV, lying in North River at the foot of Ninety-sixth Street, yesterday. Among the visitors were automobile parties from Connecticut, New Jersey and Massachusetts. The line of visitors was a block long as early as 10 o'clock in the morning. Police reserves from the 110th Street station kept the crowd in order. To the disappointment of the 35,000, Sir Thomas Lipton was not aboard the yacht.

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Crowds at Coney Small; Bathers Pay \$1.50 Room

New City Law Gets Inadequate Test; Sir Thomas Lipton One of Spectators

Comparatively few persons visited Coney Island yesterday. Bathhouse proprietors posted their prices in accordance with the new ordinance, but there was not the usual Sunday volume of business necessary for an adequate test of the measure. Prices varied widely. An average charge seemed to be 75 cents for a locker and \$1.50 for a room for two persons, having their own suits. Suits were 50 cents each.

Sir Thomas Lipton was one of the

spectators at the Parkway Baths, the manager giving him the freedom of the place as soon as an alert patrolman, Thomas Craddock, had recognized the British yachtsman and introduced him.

Among the few mishaps reported to the police were two narrow escapes from drowning and a collision between a sightseeing bus and a street car. The latter took place at Sixty-eighth Street and Fifth Avenue. Several persons were thrown from their seats in the bus and slightly injured. Those who required medical attention were Louis Gruber, twelve years old, of 77 Essex Street; Thomas Mulhearn, six, of 501 Eighth Avenue, Brooklyn; Alexander McClellan, seventy-one, of Dobbs Ferry, N. Y., and Mrs. Susan Tully, of 203 East Sixty-first Street.

None of the passengers in the car was hurt.

Benjamin Fliegelman, of 322 East Houston Street, was seized with a cramp while swimming off Henderson's Walk, and was brought ashore by a life guard. Another life guard rescued Mario Marino, of Sea Breeze Avenue and West Third Street, Brooklyn, who sank at the Parkway Baths.

Healy Opposes Wadsworth
Timothy Healy, president of the International Brotherhood of Firemen and Oilers, has endorsed the candidacy of George Henry Payne for the United States Senate in his fight against Senator James W. Wadsworth Jr. Mr. Healy's endorsement is contained in a letter sent to Mr. Payne and made public yesterday.

47 Seized in Hotel Raid

Twelve Colored Women and Thirty-five Men Arrested in Manhasset
Twelve women, all colored, and thirty-five men, a majority of them colored, were arrested at 4 o'clock yesterday morning in a raid on the Bayview Hotel, at Manhasset, Long Island. Justice of the Peace Arthur W. Jones fined each of the men \$10. The women each received a six months' jail sentence, but upon their promise to leave Nassau County and not to return for a year sentence was suspended.

Harry McCray and his wife, Christina McCray, alleged proprietors of the hotel, were held in \$1,000 bail for

further examination on a charge of conducting a disorderly house. Neighbors had complained of the high revelry that had been permitted in the hotel, the police say. Most of the prisoners drove to court in their own limousines.

Colored Convention to Name 'President of Africa'

The first convention of the Universal Negro Improvement Association began a two days' session at Liberty Hall, 114 West 138th Street, yesterday. The purpose of the convention, it was announced, is to prepare a bill of rights for the race and lay plans to guarantee protection for its members in all parts of the world.

The proceedings yesterday were of a

purely religious nature. Divine service was held in Liberty Hall in the morning, afternoon and evening. In the morning, particularly, the service was elaborate. All the executive officers appeared in their robes of office, attended by choir girls in white and uniformed guards armed with swords. In the afternoon there was a large procession to the hall from the association's headquarters, 54 West 138th Street. The parade was headed by a band and preceded by a platoon of mounted police.

To-night there will be a large mass meeting held in Madison Square Garden. Leaflets announcing the meeting were distributed. According to the leaflets the purpose of the meeting will be to elect "a President of Africa" and a leader of the race in the world.

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We are not alone—

To our credit let it be stated that Americans are not alone in this bred-in-the-bone shortcoming. If there is any government in the universe which is not complained of, let it come forward now—or forever after hold its peace!

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'Twas ever thus—

There are always complaints. Then along comes an epidemic of complaints and straightway everyone's up in the air and says the world's going to the demnation bowwows—which it isn't!

The government's all right—as governments go. The people are all right—as people go. The trouble is they find it pleasanter to disagree. And, alas, we fear 'twill be ever thus as long as there are governments and people.

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